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STERLING GOES UP

The biggest percentage advance was recorded by rupees, from 28 to 27% cents, the movement being based on direct shipments of gold from British India to the United States in settlement of rupee exchange. The Guaranty Trust Company has received upward of \$500,000 in gold as the first direct shipment of the yellow metal without transfer at London and it announced that \$1,000,000 gold is now on the way from British India to New York. At the same time it was learned that while most Chinese exports of gold are shipped to Japan, no inconsiderable portion is now en route to San Francisco. The movement in sterling was entirely usexpected by those who had not

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The movement in sterling was entirely unexpected by those who had not noted the reduction in commercial bill offerings to a bare minimum and the pace was said to be too fast to be fully maintained, but it was so widespread as to suggest worldwide changes in fundamental conditions that had not been communicated to this centre. At the opening there was a moderate short interest in sterling, but the cables from London brought word of a movement to sell dollars in that market, which grew as the day went along and was still in progress at 5:30 P. M., London time. The consistent strength in the pound sterling caused bankers to make a hasty survey of commercial bills in the market, of letters of credit applied for and of other factors which might account for the orders that came in rapidly in blocks of £200,000 each. It was found that commercial bills were scarce and that letter of credit issuances were relatively unimportant.

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UNMOVED CARS SHOW DROP ON DECEMBER

11 1-2 TO \$3.65 1-4 Decline Heavily Since March 1, Says William Sproule.

Other European Rates Rise as Gold Shipments Spurt British Quotations.

Sterling exchange reached yesterday the prices of mid-August of last year, rising sensationally 11½ cents to \$3.65% for the pound sterling, the movement being accompanied by cabled reports of renewed shipments of gold by British India and China. Under the leadership of the advance in sterling virtually all European rates gained in terms of the dollar, as well as some South American exchanges.

The biggest percentage advance was recorded by rupees, from 2s to 27¼ cents, the movement being based on direct shipments of gold from British India to the United States attacked the problems placed before them on March 1. 1919, when the located to meet the changing needs of achievement. "The unmoved loaded freight cars on December 1 were one-fifth of those on March 1. 2119, when the located to meet the changing needs of the country emerging from war into peace but it has been not only relocated to meet the changing needs of the country emerging from war into peace but it has been brought back a long ways toward its pre-war condition and effectiveness. The railroads during these ten months have carried the largest traffic in the history of the country, compared with any similar period of time."

Mr. Sproule says that much of the increased effeciency may be traced to the employees and that high rivairy in service is again animating the forces of the railroads through all ranks. "The pride is in performance rather in pay day," he says. He calls attention to the future work."

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In discussing railroad legislation Mr. Sproule says that the situation is not ideal and that there are some errors of judgment in the present law, but adds that it is the first constructive step that has been taken by the Government in the regulation of the railroads and that "we are working to make it fully successful."

Leading Producers Declare Are Unable to Sell at Profit in Present Market.

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FOR BETTER PRICE

per they are unable to sell at a profit metal have decided to withhold their stocks from the market until the price OF GUARANTY TRUST shall have improved to a point at which it will at least show them a profit. For several weeks the copper situation in so

Wall Street was somewhat excited yesterday afternoon by rumors of an important conference of copper men, the biggest in the industry. That conference was reported as the first important gathering of its sort since the signing of the armistice. As a result of the rumors copper stocks became very active and very strong, many of them reaching points far above their recent ow. It was learned, however, that the meeting was merely the regular weekly meeting of the Copper Export Association, held in the office of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, and that nothing except routine business came up for discussion.

by the Guaranty Trust Company in 1920, which was announced last Monday.

J. B. DUKE OUT OF BOARD OF MONTGOMERY WARD

James B. Duke, who became a director of Montgomery Ward & Co. a year ago, when the United Retail Stores purchased a big block of Montgomery Ward stock, was not reelected a member of the board at the meeting in Chicago Tuesday. Elliott A. Everett, however, a vice-president of Retail Stores, remain a member of the board as representative of the Retail Stores interests.

George J. Wheian, head of the United Retail Stores and associate of James B. Duke in large tobacco retail merchandising ventures, announced a few days ago that the United Retail Stores had not disposed of the block of Montgomery Ward stock which it purchased a year ago. It was pointed out yesterday that Mr. Duke had never accepted his election, and, consequently, the first opportunity to fill his place.

Theodore F. Merseles, vice-president and general manager of the National Cloak and Suit Company, has been elected president and director of Montgomery Ward & Co. aucceeding Silas member of the Stores and has first held since his election, and, consequently, the first opportunity to fill his place.

Theodore F. Merseles, vice-president of the Stores and Suit Company, has been elected president and director of Montgomery Ward stock which its purchased a vice-president of the Braden Copper Company and member of its executive committee.

The country and in Mexico. He was a mining engineer and for fitteen years was active in mining and metallurgical and metallu

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UNDIVIDED PROFITS ACCOUNT CREDITS Credit Balance January 1, 1920..... Miscellaneous Credits During Year..... 155,624.66 Profits for Year, after deducting all expenses and taxes, including high cost of living allowance to employees, the charge-offs in connection with Real Estate and bad and doubtful debts, both Dividends Paid During Year at Rate of 20% per annum \$5,000,000.00 Appropriated for distribution to

Credit Balance December 31, 1920 \$12,075,072.37

officers and employees on Ad-

ditional Compensation Plan... 1,676,392.36

The Bond Market

There is an excellent prospect that there will be a good bond market for the next few years. The period of expansion has ended and the temporary period of readjustment is underway. Prices of basic commodities have fallen, loans are curtailed. There is less opportunity and less desire to engage in speculative enterprises and conversely greater desire to take more certain forms of investment, such as bonds.

The purchasing power of the dollar has advanced with the fall in commodity prices and will, of course, advance still further when retail prices follow, as they must, the decline in wholesale prices. Fixed interest return will then buy still more.

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